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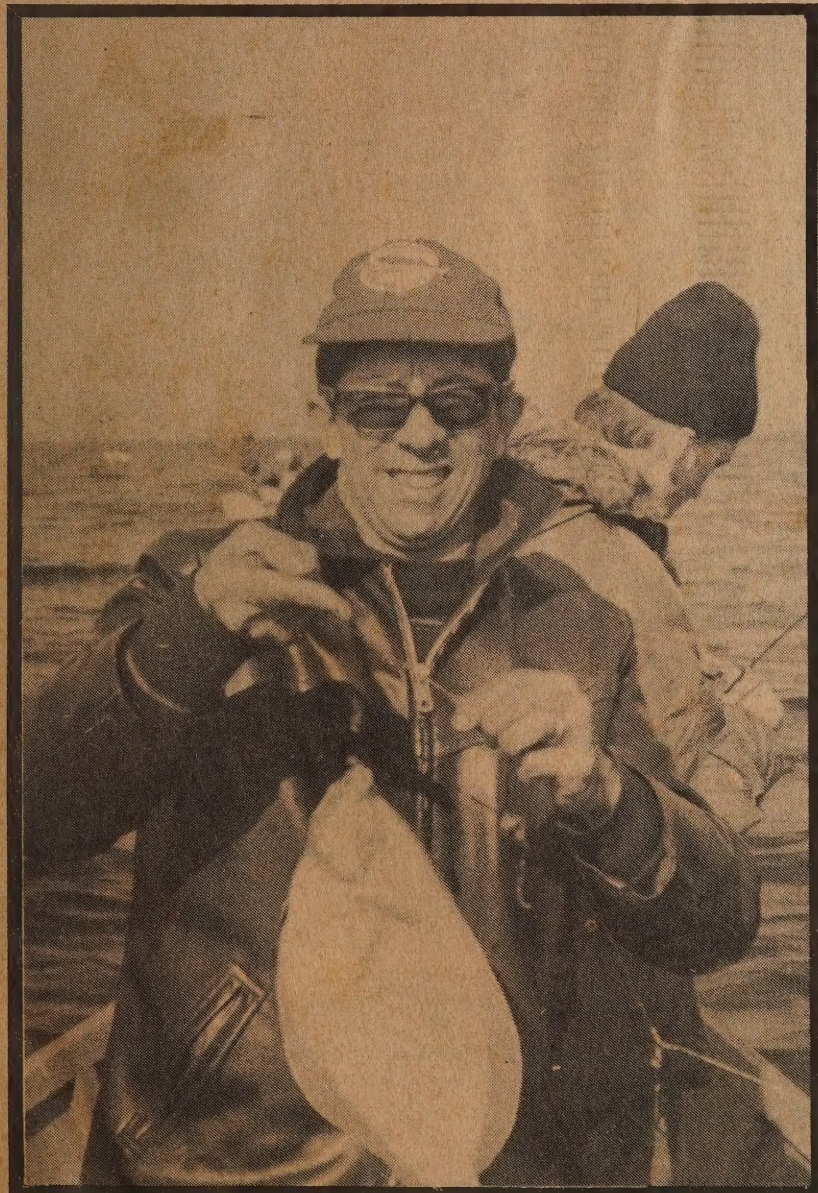

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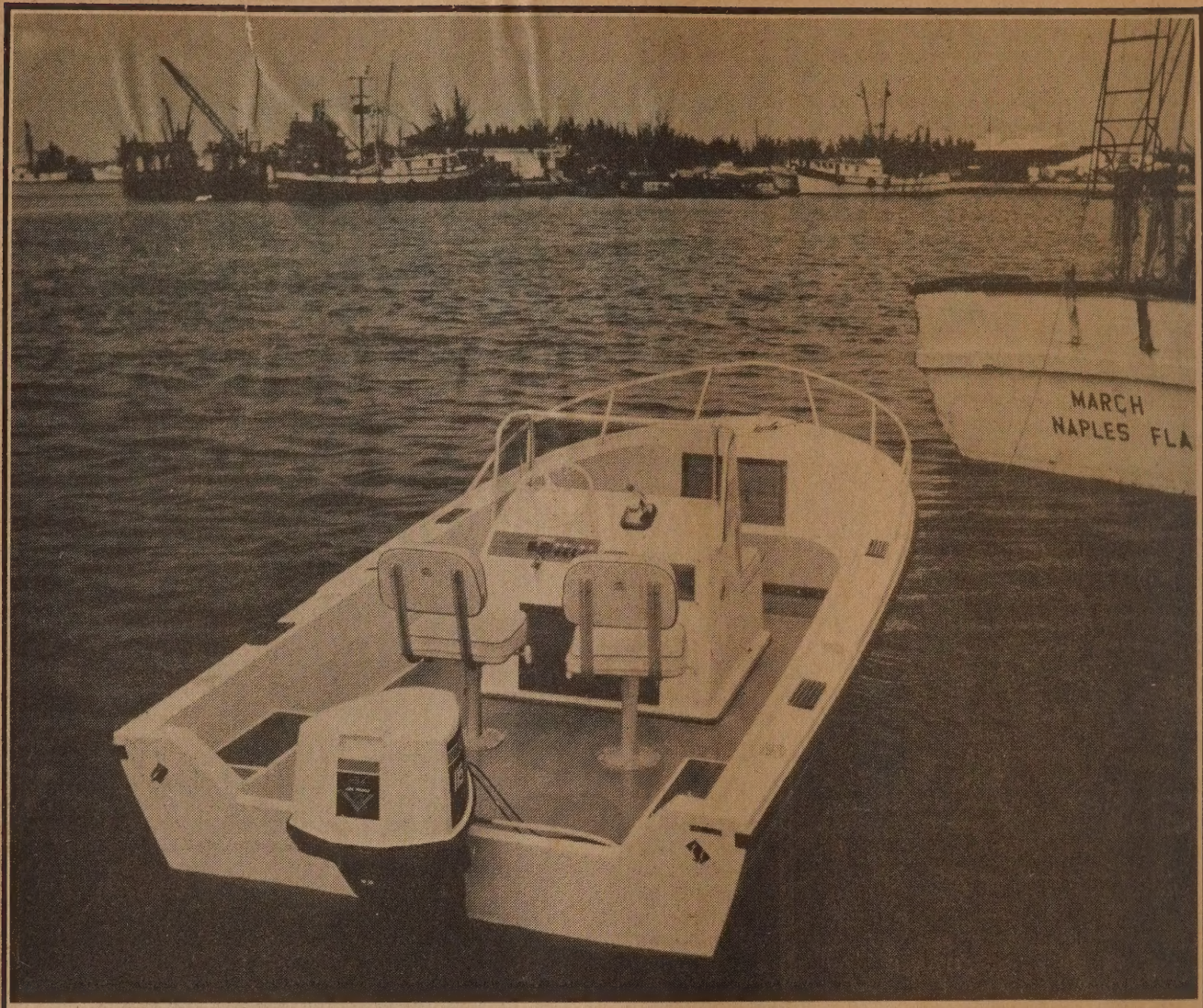

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From the Editor's Head

We have already heard of the first weakfish being taken this year. Bass, of course, are taken year-round at places, but some very decent catches were made in the western Sound on opening day of trout season. As with early trout, early bass are usually taken on worms. In a few short weeks, however, the waters will warm sufficiently to substantially increase the metabolism of the fish; they will become more active and begin taking artificials more frequently.

One of the difficulties in fishing for bass is that their often extreme wariness—even now, when they are sluggish—must be contended with. Though most good fishermen know fish are acutely sensitive to vibrations impinging upon and through their domain, and approach their quarry with stealth and caution, they often lose the game at the moment of truth—when the lure (or bait) is presented to the fish.

It's a problem. Not only now when the fish are in the shallower, warmer waters, but also during the summer on these quiet nights when the gnats are in your nose, mouth and eyes. Any mistake in your offering means you might as well leave the area for awhile and try another location.

With a little practice, the problem of a silent lure presentation can be eliminated. I don't have the gall to try to tell you, in a few hundred words, how to get the lure into the fish's mouth; first problems first, and this week we're dealing with the passage of your lure through the interface between our environmental medium—air—into the fish's environment—water—without making him jump out of his scaly skin and leaving you slack-jawed and witless.

Let's begin with the cast. If you can see the fish, cast up-current and allow the lure at least 4-5 feet of travel to swing in front of its jaws. If you can't see the fish, you are blind-casting, but you should select an imaginary bull's eye on the water, and you must drop your lure into this zone.

In order to do this quietly, so that the bait, instead of hitting the water with a "Kablooie! Kapow! Splash!," enters it with a muted "plup!" is easy. Once you've selected your target area, be it real or imaginary, cast slightly over and beyond it so that the lure, when it reaches the bull, is a foot or two above it.

I'm assuming that during the cast you have been properly thumbing your spool (conventional tackle) or feathering the mono (spinning) so that the lure is slowing down as it reaches the target. I can't tell you how to thumb your spool; that requires lot's of practice, but most of you use spinning tackle, and feathering is a snap!

While casting extend the "pointing" finger of the hand that's holding the rod-reel so that you can feel the mono very gently touching it as it coils off the spool. As you move your index finger toward the spool, it will interfere more with the line, thus slowing it—and your lure. When your finger moves away from the spool, there is less friction on the line. It—and the lure—will be able to move more freely. This is your control over the travel of your bait when spinning.

We're back on the water. The lure is a foot or two above where you want it to enter, and is still travelling out and down, but slowly, because you are rapidly and smoothly

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A SPORTSMAN'S SENTIMENTS

Last August, I submitted the attached copy for an Editorial Contest sponsored by Field & Stream Magazine. Field & Stream did not choose it as a winner. However, I thought the *Long Island Fisherman* would want to pass along to its readers a fellow sportsman's sentiments on what one can do to support conservation and sport. *Glenn Brunhard, Past-president, Garden Spot Rod & Gun Club.*

"Each year sportsmen are reminded of their role in conservation and year after year they willingly pay for it.

One of these reminders would be a hunting or fishing license, often accompanied by a duck or archery stamp. A second reminder would be the special excise tax affixed to the price of ammunition or firearms; or, the sportsman would receive a renewal notice from the national or local organization he wholeheartedly supports, to protect his favorite species.

The sportsman knows he is paying for conservation, and he knows he is the major source for funding of conservation programs. He deserves his rewards. Whether these rewards are physical or emotional, he has earned his day afield or afloat, in spite of the constant attacks levied against him.

However, in this day of modern man's unrelenting intervention with Mother Nature, his dollars and cents are not sufficient. He must learn to police himself; he should accept the responsibility of reporting illegal game takers; he should condemn the greedy who ignore bag limits; and he must learn to advise the careless and instruct the ignorant. The sportsman should inform the uninformed. The sportsman should take only what he can consume and release the rest. He should acquire tags for fish and birds for release; he should question his conscience and contemplate the future; and he should set an example for the young.

The sportsman should also support his proclaimed day in September, which has been set aside for his recognition. His letters should become a nuisance to environment pollutors; his Congressman should recognize his signature; and his rebuttals should be sent.

I, the typical American outdoor sportsman, through conservation, will support all these efforts to protect my sport. I must! Because I know that in years to come, future generations, both sportsmen and non-sportsmen alike, will benefit from what I am doing today."

HOW TO KEEP GAFF ON SURF BELT

I have had difficulty in keeping my gaff hooked securely to my surf belt, while at the same time having it available for instant use.

Would any if your readers have a solution to this problem? *J. Daly, New Hyde Park, N.Y.*

I don't know what methods you have tried already, so it's hard to offer suggestions.

There is a leather gaff-sheath available from a local manufacturer. We tried it out last year and it seemed to work fairly well; we had no problems. It is of rugged construction, so should last a long time.

Unfortunately, I do not have the name of the gentlemen making this sheath. If they contact me, however, I'll print their address in this column. G.V.

MAKING SURF LURES

I am looking for some informative and complete books on the subject of lure-making (surf casting lures). I understand that Vlad Evanoff has written such a book. However, I have not been able to locate a bookstore that carries such books. If you know any, please send me information. I appreciate your consideration. *Joseph L. DiLorenzo, Brooklyn.*

Vlad Evanoff's new book is called "Surf Fishing," but it does not contain the information you are looking for.

The Fisherman *has been running a series on plug-making by Jack Frech; these articles will be of help to you—Jack's a pro.*

Best book I have seen on the topic of lure-making is "Tackle Craft" by C. Boyd Pfeiffer. I don't know of any that deals strictly with surf lures.

In any event, few hook stores would carry these books. Check the listings at your local store; you might find a book, but it would have to be ordered. G.V.

FISHERMEN PLEASED WITH FISHERMAN'S PACKAGE

Just received your fisherman's package. Many thanks.

You did a real fine job putting it together and are to be congratulated. *Arthus Klorfein, New York, N.Y.*

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President -	Bob Grippe
Vice President -	Joe Braun
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2nd ANNUAL TROUT UNLIMITED AND CONSERVATION RAFFLE - Sal Palatucci, L.I. Chapter

We'll be holding our 2nd dinner on Thursday evening, April 24th in Bethpage at the same, Holiday Manor. We've had to increase the price of the tickets to $8.50 per person as our cost went up exactly $1.00. The Raffle books are still $1.00 each or 6 for $5.00, but we've added a major prize or two.

Now I know a "pitch" (to come) is in order here, but if last year's dinner isn't motivating enough, there's nothing I can say that will get you to come. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Ernie Schweibert Jr. and his program will be an hour and a half slide presentation on "Trout Fishing the Western U.S." His show is geared to entertainment as opposed to sheer technical stuff, so our ladies (who are absolutely essential) will also have a good time.

The dinner itself is the best available, Prime Ribs, the door raffle prizes prolific. We want you all to come; indeed it's important to the survival of our chapter that you come. Ask your relatives, your neighbors, guys you know in any way, but bring a crowd. As far as the raffle books go, this is where we make our funds, so if you can buy two great! If you need more, ask. If you can handle only one, sell the other to a friend (who's also coming, right?).

Anyway, send in your money, reservations as soon as possible to Mike Greco, 7 Dorothy Street, Bethpage, N.Y. 11714.

COLONIAL ROD & GUN CLUB of Suffolk County

On Saturday, March twenty-ninth, the "Colonial Rod and Gun Club of Suffolk County" commenced the completion of a conservation project originally intended to coincide with National Hunting and Fishing Day of 1974.

The project consists of fabricating and emplanting nesting boxes designed for the nesting of the Wood Duck. These nesting boxes were fabricated by the Colonial members, with materials obtained through club funds, and will be set up in various locations throughout Suffolk County.

The boxes were donated to the "Long Island Nature Conservancy" on National Hunting and Fishing Day of 1974, with the understanding that Colonial Members would emplant them in the Spring and perform maintenance on them whenever necessary.

The Executive Committee of Colonial has been working closely with Mr. Chuck Basset, director of the Nature Conservancy, in order to ascertain the best locations for these nesting boxes.

Although a young club, only two years old, Colonial is no stranger to projects of this nature, having participated in the Nissiquogue River cleanup sponsored by the "Suffolk Fish and Game Assoc." on National Hunting and Fishing Day of 1973, and having had the largest turnout of members present of any participating organization.

Colonial Rod and Gun Club of Suffolk is based in the township of Huntington, boasts thirty members, and is actively engaged in a rigorous shooting program to include Trap-Skeet, Rifle, and Pistol competition, as well as engaging in projects of this type. Colonial is affiliated with the National Rifle Association, the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, and is affiliated with and actively engaged with the Suffolk Federation of Sportsmens Clubs.

Being an active club, Colonial is always on the lookout for new actie members. Interested persons may obtain information from membership Chairman Norman Cohen at 271-3684, or from Club President Jim Talcott at 427-5503.

FISHING CLUB— SHEEPSHEAD BAY HIGH SCHOOL

The Sheepshead Bay H.S. Fishermen are proud to announce the re-election of President, George Aswad and Vice-President Carl DiDonna. Adding additional flavor to this term's trip schedule are (5) five freshwater trips, in addition to a minimum of (7) seven deep sea ventures. Capping off what we trust will be our finest semester to date, we will complete the month of June with a joint Sheepshead—Edison surf fishing/clam bake field day and a day of the Esopus Creek in Phoenicia, N.Y. All interested schools which desire to participate contact me at once. Will Daskal, S.B.H.S. Fisherman, Faculty Advisor.

News Releases

LONG ISLAND: ITS MARINE ENVIRONMENT

A seminar sponsored by: American Littoral Society, New York Chaprer C.W. Post College, Department of marine Science. Hillwood Commons, C.W. Post College, Route 25A Greenvale, Long Island, New York 11548.

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Morning — 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon
Afternoon — 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

MORNiNG

Careers in Marine Science—an open meeting for high school and cllege students; short talks by representatives from colleges, universities, private industry, government, utilities, marine science centers, the Sea Grant Advisory Program.

Subject: What are career opportunities (and curriculums) for marine science students? Panelists will be available during the day for individual discussions.

AFTERNOON

A series of seminars, with films, slides, and panel discussions on marine science topics of interest to students, naturalists, fishermen, divers, boat ownere, professionals, and beachcombers, such topics as:

Marine Animal Behavior
The Long Island Sound Plan
Striped Bass—Research and Trends
The Underwater World—Lobsters, Wreck Diving
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Mariculture

Panel Members will include: Dr. Phyllis Cahn, Chairman of Marine Science Department, C.W. Post College, L.I.U.; Dr. Larry Dunn, Mystic Marine Life Aquarium; Dr. Ken Gold, New York Aquarium; Dr. Jim Hain, Department of Oceanography, University of Rhode Island; Clarence Hickey, New York Ocean Science Laboratory; Albert Jensen, Assistant Director, Marine and Coastal Resources N.Y. State Dept. of Environmental Conservation; Dr. Henry Moeller, Dowling College; Dr. Howard Reisman, Southampton College, L.I.U.; Claire Stern, Executive Director, L.I. Environmental Council; Dr. Robert Valenti, New York Ocean Science Laboratory; Lee Ward, diver, underwater photographer; and others.

Admission

Career Panel	Free of Charge
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All proceeds benefit the Littoral Society. Donations are tax deductible. You will receive a map and directions with your tickets. The cafeteria at the

Commons will be open for a light lunch from noon on. Please indicate on your ticket order if you plan to eat in the cafeteria.

...An invitation to join the Littoral Society: If you are not already a member, why not join? Annual dues of $10 ($7.50 for students) will bring you the Society's quarterly journal, UNDERWATER NATURALIST, full of articles on marine science, plus newsletters, dive/study and field trip notices, and environmental alerts.

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(News Release Courtesy of Lou Rossi, President.)

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The accommodations are very elegant and the food superb as always. In addition, you will have an opportunity to win a new graphite fly rod donated by Jim Green of the Fenwick Corporation.

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Early Saturday morning we will serve a continental breakfast for fishermen and at 10 A.M. we will serve a buffet brunch of scrambled eggs, danish, bacon, sausage and beverages.

The Saturday evening Cocktail Hour will be from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. This will be an "open bar" with the guests purchasing their drinks. Dinner will be served at 8:30 P.M. consisting of fruit cup, choice of Roast Beef or stuffed shrimps, salad, baked potato, vegetable of the day, rolls, apple pie with ice cream and beverage.

Sunday morning a buffet brunch will be served at 10 A.M. with checkout time at 1:00 P.M.

Cost for the complete package, including tax and gratuities, is $55.00 per person, which makes it the best bargain around.

For those who can only make it for Saturday the cost of the Banquet Dinner will be $12.00.

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CONTESTS & TOURNAMENTS

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U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 22-6, East Northport, will have two CME Stations this month. The first at Klein's, Commack, Sunday, April 13, from noon 'til 4:00 P.M. and the second, Sunday, April 27, at the same hours at Modell's parking lot.

The Courtesy Motorboat Examination is given by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary as a courtesy check of equipment on a motorboat. It is performed purely as a safety check and the report is filed only with the owner of the vessel.

"SAFE BOATING IS FUN", make it safe for you and yours by having a CME on April 13 or April 27. For information, call 757-3063.

Flounder Finesse-South Shore

by John Konior

A number of well-written articles have appeared in **The Fisherman** over the last few years advocating special techniques for catching flounders. What's interesting is that the techniques described are all good, but I wonder if anyone thought of putting them together? Since the spring season will be upon us sooner than we expect, I'd like to summarize these techniques so that you can maximize your catch and catch bigger fish.

Water Depth

First off, most articles recommend fishing in a certain depth of water, i.e., 10-15 feet. Let me generalize on this: in the early spring I've found 15-20 feet of water to be best; late spring, 8-15 feet; summer (until early August), 15-25 feet; early fall (get this!) 4-6 feet; late Fall/early winter, 20-25 feet.

I've caught excellent flounder in water 2 feet deep during the fall, although it doesn't seem possible. These fish will move into deeper water in late November, but you can count on great fishing through October and November in the shallows—until the first cold snap. Mud bottoms are best, especially those that have tiny flecks of broken shells, etc. Sand bottoms are good in the late spring.

Tides & Currents

Flounders will bite just about any time. I can't be specific about which tides and currents are best because it varies depending upon place and season: at Swift Creek, the outgoing tide is best; at Amityville Channel it's the incoming tide; etc. In general, the last two hours of either high or low tides and the hour after the change are generally best, however, wherever you fish.

This is one reason why you shouldn't move from your location if you're catching fish. The slack water usually is poor, so most fishermen move. Don't! Have your lunch. As soon as the current starts moving again you're bound to catch fish.

Baits and Chumming

Let it suffice to say that chumming is always a good thing to practice. Use clams or mussels, crushed up. If the current is swift use a chum pot; otherwise, just toss them alongside your boat. Other choices are corn or rice. Now here's a technique that works if you don't have chum; the party boats have been using it for years:

Use sash weight or a spare anchor and bounce the bottom. This technique stirs up the mud and frees up food. Flounders will respond very nicely. In fact, this technique should be used at any time—with chum or without.

Bait effectiveness varies depending on the season. In the early spring, soft baits work best: Mussels, clam and worms are good—in that order of effectiveness. In late spring until early summer (mid-June), use worms (blood and sand), clams and mussels; in summer, worms; fall, worms and clams.

Clams can be tailor-made in these times of increasing cost of worms. Dye them yellow or red, they work just fine. (Use any standard food coloring.) In fact in late spring I've found the red-dyed clams to work best. Now here's a tip you shouldn't forget. Blood worms are better when dead. That's right. Buy them the day before, freeze them overnight, and use them the next day. You'll get more and bigger fish. All in all, bring a variety of bait. Flounder will go crazy over one bait in one hour, and the next will only bite on something else.

Note: Garden worms can be used. At times they are very good, but soften quickly in salt water. Also watch your presentation of worms. Its best to put a 1-to 1½-inch piece on the hook. However, leave ¼-½" trailing off the hook.

Hooks

As a personal choice, I have used the Eagle Claw (beak) style of hook for years, #6 short shank, bait-holder style. It's small size allows me to completely imbed it in the bait with only the barb protruding. I've found it to have excellent hooking capabilities. However, it's main disadvantage is that, if it is set too late, you imbed the hook deeply in the fish. As such, the only way of returning a small fish to water without injuring it is to cut the hook off. Beginners should avoid it's use. I snell my own hooks with 15 lb. mono.

The standard of the industry is Chestertown. These hooks are designed specifically for flounder fishing. Use a #9 size for any size flounder on the south shore (up to 3 lb.). A number 8 and larger is used for the larger snowshoe flounders which are generally caught further east. These hooks are readily obtained in bait and tackle shops, pre-snelled. The Chestertown's long shank makes it easy to remove from a flounder. However, as stated above, a deeply imbedded hook should be cut off to avoid injury to the fish if it's going to be returned to the water.

Many sharpies also use a sproat hook, medium shank, sizes 4-6. Their thin wire makes them practically invisible, they will bend if necessary, and have good hooking capability. I've had excellent results with them, but still prefer the Eagle Claw. Also, I've yet to see the size mentioned sold pre-snelled.

Rigs

Three basic rigs are used. I recommend the first absolutely; use the second only if I have to; and rule out the third.

Florida Rig—No question about it, the best rig. Will catch more and bigger fish consistently. It's comprised of the following: sliding egg sinker; snap swivel; 15 lb. mono; two #9 Chestertown, #6 Eagle Claw or #7 Sproat. I prefer the Chestertown. Most leaders are heavy, and will spook larger fish, the reason for 15 lb. mono or lighter. Snell the hooks in tandem.

Akin to the surf fisherman's fish-finder, this rig allows the hooks to be free from the pull of the sinker. The hooks offer little resistance to the fish; therefore the larger, more spooky, fish will hit more readily. This rig will out fish other rigs 2:1.

Basic Bottom Tandem Rig—The present day standard flounder fisherman's rig. The hooks are tied in tandem as illustrated above, and tied to the line about two inches above the sinker. A good, all-around rig, but inferior to the Florida Rig.

Spreader—In olden days, the standard. It serves to separate the hooks, but is clumsy, is a lot of hardware and detracts from the fight of the scrappy flounder. I don't recommend its use. If you must, use same hook pattern as

above two rigs.

Sinker weight varies depending on strength of current. My advice, however, is to use only the least amount of weight that allows you to hold bottom. You must hold bottom because flounders are strictly bottom feeders.

Tackle

Whether you're a standard or spinning tackle buff, my advice is to use light tackle. On standard tackle, 15- to 20-lb. mono is sufficient. With spinning tackle use 8-to 12-lb. mono. If you really want a scrap, use 4-to 6-lb. mono on an ultra-light rod and reel. Don't kid yourself, flounders are scrappers and put up a good account for themselves. So the lighter the tackle, the better.

Technique

A book can be written about this area. However, there are four basic ones:

Novice—I've had a lot of success in teaching kids and first timers how to catch flounder's by having them practice the following: count slowly to ten, then lift slowly. If nothing, drop down and repeat, etc.

Sinker Bouncer—Time-tested winner. Periodically (5-10 seconds) lift rod ever so slowly, and continue lifting rig until rig is 1½ to two feet off bottom. Flounder's will follow moving bait. I've hooked them 3 feet off bottom. If no takers, drop down and repeat. If you get a hit, don't, and I mean don't, jerk the rod. A simple flick of the wrist will set the hook. A fast jerk, and chances are you'll lose the fish by taking the bait away from him.

Drifting—When fishing is slow or you can't locate the spot, try drifting. When you get a fish or two, go back to the same spot and drop the anchor. It's a good idea to drag the anchor over the spot, if possible, to stir up the bottom.

Lazy—Believe it or not, I've had some excellent flounder catches by not doing anything at all. Leave the rod unattended but secured. A large flounder can and will pull it overboard. Leave some slack line. When you see the rod twitch, repeat steps under Sinker Bouncer.

Of course, the above techniques are useful when you're out to get a mess of fish. There are days when they will bite without any prompting. However, I've seen fish react differntly at different stages of the tide, so its a good idea to know all of the techniques.

Tips on Location (see Attached)

In fishing for flounders for over 25 years, I've had excellent results employing the various tips described. I know they work because I've frequently caught more and bigger fish when most other boats could only wish. Flounders are fun and good eating too. So go out and enjoy them.

Each and every flounder fisherman who's been around for awhile has his own special spots. Regardless of where you're going to fish, it's always a good idea to check with the bait and/or boat livery station before going out. Of course, check the **Long Island Fisherman** for the previous week's hot spots. However, for a number of years I've found the following locations pretty good for consistency on the South Shore:

Early Spring (March): Merrick/East Bay off Nick's Point Marina; Late Spring (April): Amityville Channel—Squaw Island Area; Later Spring/Early Summer (May): Fundy Bay; Summer—(June/July): Swift Creek—off the houses; Early Fall (Sept.): Four Corners; Fall (Oct.): Fundy Bay/Long Creek; Late Fall (Oct.-Nov.): Merrick/East Bay off Nick's Point Marine; Winter: Any deep hole, 20-39' water.

By combining all the info I've provided you can make yourself a complete chart; i.e., bait, water depth, tides, etc.

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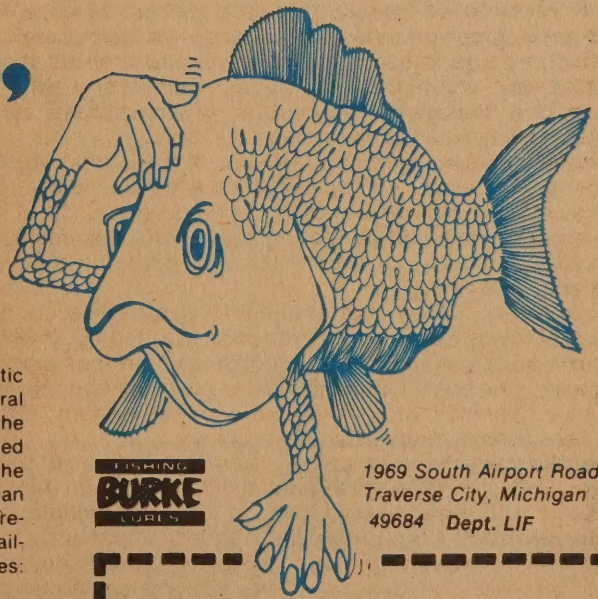

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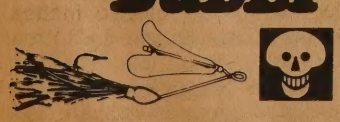

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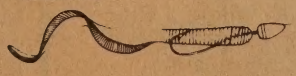

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Just how satisfactorily and safely your offshore outboard performs depends on two factors: your wisdom in selecting the proper hull design, powerplant and adjunct equipment, and your own skills in seamanship and navigation. Choice of a boat is largely a matter of personal preference, depending on the type of fishing you concentrate on, since there is such a wide variety of craft available which are sufficiently seaworthy to be classified as suitable for extensive offshore use. Though hull configuration is more important than sheer size when it comes to performance in unprotected waters, 17 feet is a sensible minimum, with craft of 19 feet or longer in overall length being preferred for the additional roominess and stability they provide.

The trihedral hulls are extremely stable when not under way, and are seaworthy to the extent that they can take you through some really treacherous water if properly handled I would all but rule them out for serious blue water fishing because their proclivity to throw spray makes them very wet-riding and they pound wickedly in a real chop at speed. The deep-V cuts cleanly through any kind of seaway with almost unbelievable smoothness and the heavily-flared bow throws spray downward to provide a dry ride. Deep-V hulls are the most comfortable and seaworthy small craft available to the outboarder when underway at speed. Unfortunately, all offshore time is not spent underway at speed, and when a deep-V drops off plane to troll or drift-fish, its inherent lack of displacement stability quickly becomes apparent as it rolls heavily and uncomfortable (to the great sorrow of those subject to **mal de mer**) in a beam sea.

The modifications which have grown out of the deep-V in the form of semi-V and step-V are a workable compromise in that they retain the underway seaworthy qualities of the deep-V while providing much-appreciated low speed stability. Craft with these hull configurations are manufactured by Mako, Sea Craft, Pro-Line, Aquasport and others; they are much the best for all-around offshore fishing.

The center control console, open, clutter-free cockpit design is the almost universal arrangement and allows great freedom of movement. The cockpits are almost invariably self-bailing and a bow rail is a worthwhile consideration if it is not standard equipment on the boat you are considering. Other items of equipment to look for on a well-found offshore outboard would be rod-holders, a built-in fishbox, and perhaps even a livewell for bait.

Fighting chairs, long popular on charter boats, are appearing on more and more larger offshore outboards. Though costly, a good fighting chair can be an invaluable aid in serious big-game fishing, and should be mounted in the bow section on boats of open construction of the type under discussion.

One large or two medium sized outboards? Safety considerations, in that you always have the second motor in the event of breakdown, would seem to dictate a matched pair of smaller outboards as opposed to one big one. One important point to keep in mind (aside from the extra weight aft and the considerably greater expense) is the fact that two motors in aggregate will not produce nearly as much speed as a single larger outboard due to factors of increased drag and cavitation. A boat equipped with a 100 h.p. motor will easily outrun its identical counterpart if the latter is powered by two 50's, for example.

A good compromise, retaining the best of both possible worlds, is to have a single, big outboard, and a small auxiliary motor which would be tilted up out of the way when not needed, and employed either in case of failure of the main engine, or for trolling.

A reliable compass is the most essential piece of equipment you can have on any offshore craft. This is not the place to skimp, so get the best you can buy. The compass should be compensated to remove the deviation error and spare you mental gymnastics in converting True courses to courses to steer; if you are not up to the task yourself, a reputable compass adjuster should be called in.

The most accurate compass in the world is of little avail if you lack the knowledge to navigate - Power Squadron and Coast Guard Auxilliary classes in elementary piloting are available to all. A citizen's band (C.B.) radio is a safety essential in the event of trouble, and will also improve your catch by allowing you to communi-

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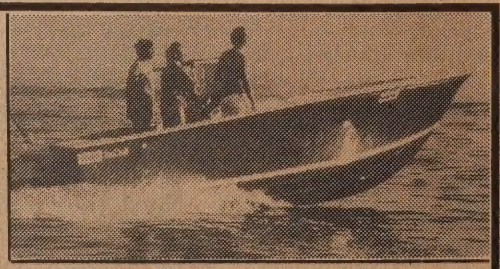

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Knowing your position at all times is the cornerstone of safety at sea; when drifting or trolling, always know exactly where you are so you can set your course for home precisely, should fog or heavy weather set in. Keeping a good "weather eye" out is another requisite; just listening to the reports before you go out is not enough; you must keep alert to wind changes, formation of cumulonimbus (thunderhead) clouds and squall-lines that indicate imminently deteriorating weather conditions. A simple A.M. radio is a good "weather watcher" for not only will it keep you posted on reports, heavy static on the set gives advance warning of local thunderstorm activity, which is more than can be said for marine V.H.F. or F.M. sets which are not effected thus by electrical storms.

Fishing in company with other boats when offshore is more desirable than going it alone, from a safety standpoint, though if you exercise proper respect for the elements you may play the lone wolf. In point of fact, it is the shallower water to the beaches and inlets that is the most dangerous, for here the long ocean rollers shorten and become steep, breaking seas when they encounter the shelving shoreline, compounded by the strong conflicting currents near inlets.

The fact that just such areas are prime feeding grounds for stripers and other species draws anglers like a magnet. Far more caution must be exercised when fishing close-in than is required well offshore, though caution and care are always advised when operating a boat.

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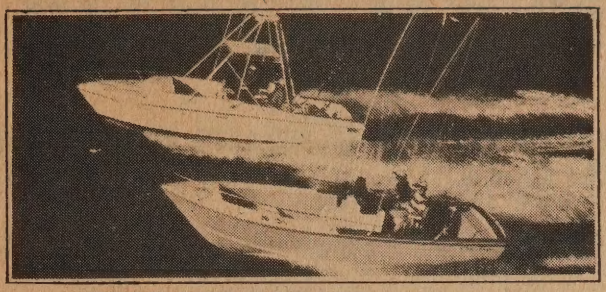

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Quincy Bay- Flounder Paradise

by Ron Onorato

As a long-time flounder fisherman accustomed to catching bay flounders which, for the most part, rarely exceeded a pound, I was a little skeptical about the reports I heard that told of a place where fishermen could catch hundreds of flounders, most of them weighing two or three pounds.

Whenever flounder fishermen got together, the name Quincy Bay almost always popped up. So, when my fishing club organized a club fishing trip to Quincy, Massachusetts, I jumped at the opportunity to go. It was set up for late April, which is the peak time for big flounders.

There were some 50-odd fishermen in the party, so a bus was chartered to make the six-hour run to Quincy. Arrangements were made for boats, bait etc. in January at Hurley's Livery Station. Because of the demand during the spring run, reservations are a must, even during weekdays.

When late April rolled around I was chomping at the bit to go. I had dug mussels to use as chum, and I made several packages of yellow and red dyed skimmer clams to experiment with. Several dozen fresh skimmer clams rounded out the bait department. Each rowboat would get a flat of sandworms from the livery station.

Although the ride from New York was a long and boring one, it was difficult to get any sleep. When we arrived at Hurley's everything was set to go. Although it was cloudy and windy in New York, a bright, sunny day would be with us for the flounder in Quincy.

Three of us were placed in each rowboat. For many, this was a new adventure, and we had little idea where to fish. For this reason, Hurley supplies each party with a little map marking off the best fishing areas.

Hundreds of boats were fishing various spots of the bay, so we selected one patch of boats and joined up. Apparently we were fishing in some sort of channel, for the water was deep and a stiff current was running. The current was a little too strong for chumming, so I held the mussels for later.

The boats around us were picking up some nice flounders, but action generally was slow. I was surprised to find that although flounder fishing was slow, a good number of small cod were caught in the fast current. We had several small cod in the boat before we caught our first flounder. In about an hour of fishing, we managed a dozen nice flounders and five cod. Still, action was slow, so a move was made.

We tried another patch of boats in the northwest part of the bay, and again picked just a few fish. Next time we moved, we selected a spot away from a flock of boats.

Since the wind was light, we tried several drifts. After one especially productive drift across a channel, we anchored in the hopes of bringing the fish to the boat. Again the current was too strong to effectively chum. This time chum wasn't necessary, as Quincy Bay finally started yielding some of its large flounders.

We were all using light spinning rods with two ounces of lead and those flounders really gave the gear a workout. After working through a mess of medium fish, some two and three pound fish worked their way in. It seemed that a 4-inch piece of sandworm was the best bait. Few flounders took the skimmer or mussel bait.

The number of fish in the area was astonishing. In five hours of fishing, we had over 200 flounders. All were over a pound, and 30 were better than two pounds, with a 3¾-pound gorilla taking the cake. This, I was told, was an average day in Quincy Bay. I would hate to see what an exceptional day is like.

To every serious flounder fisherman, a trip to Quincy Bay is a must. From New York it seems a long way

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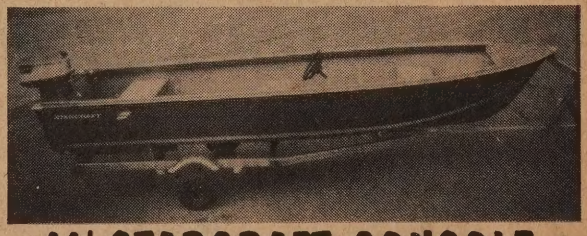

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off, but really it's not, being some 250 miles away. Although this is not an around-the-corner spot, it is within access. If you have a large enough group, chartering a bus is the best bet. Even if you get three or four fellows together, you split up the driving.

A number of livery stations accomodate the fishermen who wish to rent rowboats. Although there are ramps available for private launching, they are in terrible shape. Your best bet is to rent a skiff with an outboard. Rates are very reasonable.

Although flounders can be caught year-round in Quincy, March, April, and May are the prime times. If you want to mix your bag with some small cod and harbor pollock, try late March and early April.

One of the best aspects about flounder fishing here is the fact that you can use reasonably light tackle. Any light spinning outfit capable of holding 2 ounces of lead is all you need. Ten pound test is a good bet and you can go lighter if you want.

Despite the size of the fish, you should use a #6 flounder hook. This hook is substantial enough for the biggest flounder and will even handle the occasional cod that takes the hook. Tie two hooks together and forget about spreaders and other hardware.

Perhaps even more astonishing than the size of the flounders is the size of the sandworms you'll get to use as bait. When I looked at a flat of those foot-long squirmers, visions of striped bass danced through my mind. These worms are locally dug, and cost much less than the imported Maine worms. I brought a flat home with me to use for some early-run bass and weakfish.

It seems that the flounders have grown partial to those sandworms, for they rarely looked at anything but them during the day's fishing. Dyed skimmer clams, which are so popular and effective down here, were virtually useless up at Quincy. Another thing I noted was the fact that the fish wanted a big piece of worm. I was using 4-and 5-inch pieces of worm and flounders of all sizes took it.

You can use the same fishing techniques up in Quincy that you use locally. The flounders there also like a bait that has a little movement to it. Lifting the bait occasionally seems to draw more strikes than a stationary one.

Although most people don't like to bother with one because they're too bulky, I find that a landing net is a useful thing to have. The sight of a three-pound flounder falling off the hook as it is being lifted into the boat

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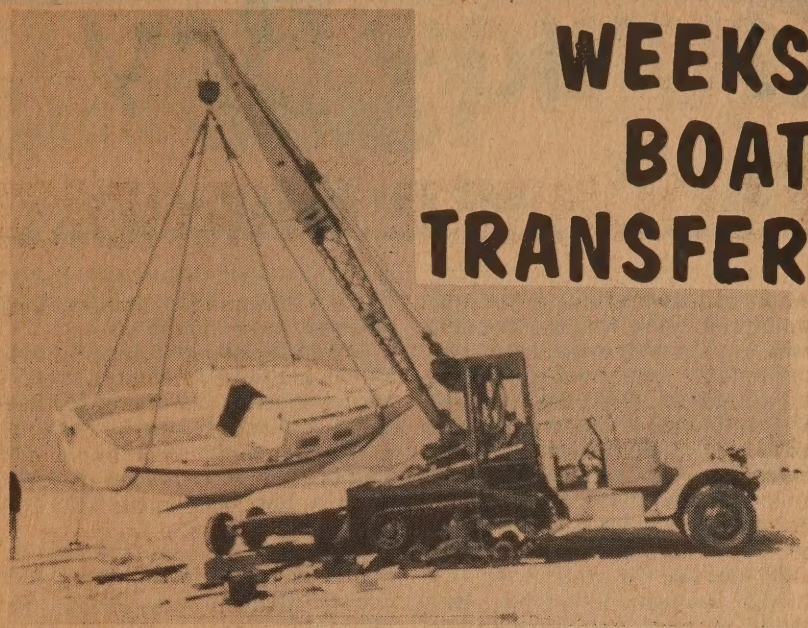

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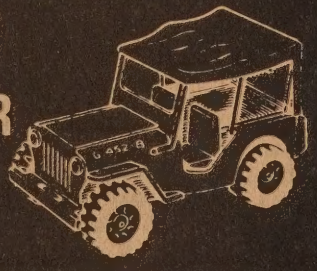

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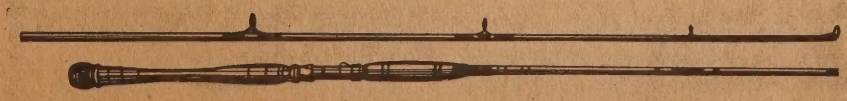


Surf Side

with Doc Muller

FLOUNDERS: *Part III*
Putting It On the Money

Many surf fishermen never try for flounder because they look down their noses at the lowly flatfish as being too easy to catch and weak fighters. I'll certainly go along with the latter, but I disagree with the former. Flounders can be a real challenge to find and, at times, they can frustrate the angler's every attempt to coax them to a baited hook.

It's not an impossible situation, either. Think of the poor fly fishing buff who spends the winter tying tiny red and yellow streamers and proceeds to pass many springtime hours gently dragging those offerings across the muddy bottms of many Long Island bays.

The challenge of the flounder does help to pass the lean but promising months of March and April. Still, there are other reasons why the surf fishermen should seek the lowly flatties. I passed a seafood store the other day and I discovered that fresh local flounder fillets are selling for almost four dollars a pound! At those prices, a guy can feel like the King of Siam when he sits down to a meal of golden fillets.

There's a good many miles between the beginnings of a flounder trip and the succulent fillets, though. Yet it isn't terribly hard to find the hole, trough, or muddy patch where the flounders will congregate. Most of the work can be done with the human eye, aided by a pair of polarizing sun glasses as the angler walks the beaches at low tide. The best spots are very big and are scattered along most beaches and along the banks of inlets.

In the first week of this series we urged the surf fishermen who seek flounders to ply the east end waters. But if time and interest prevent you from heading east you can still do very well in western sectors. Although it isn't an everyday happening, did you know that a surf fisherman fishing from the west side of the Jones Beach inlet took a flounder that was over four pounds? Convinced that he really had a fluke, he rushed to a nearby tackle shop where the owner corrected his mistake.

Then too, many good-sized, if not awesome, fish come out of the state channel in the back of the surf. Many fishermen have little holes that over the years have been very good to them. It takes a little looking, but the rewards are worthwhile.

On the north shore the prospects are less exciting. Most flounder in western sectors of Long Island Sound are in the postage stamp class. Still, Callahan's Beach and Stony Brook Harbor have been known to give up quite a few two-pound fish in the spring.

Wherever you fish, the habits of flounders are fairly uniform so that you can apply most of the tips that I offer you.

Flounders like moving water and tend to gather where bottom configurations generate tide rips. But they prefer depressions where the current is less strong and where tiny worms, clams, and crustaceans will be carried to settle on the bottom by the surging water overhead.

Many times I'll find a fisherman working the middle of a hole, but the greatest concentration of flounders will not be there. Actually, the fish like the boundaries between two types of sediments or where the slope of a bar ends in a mud hole. If the tide is moving from the right to the left, you'll find most of the flatfish on the right slope of the hole, while the reverse will of course be true when the current changes.

Flounders shift positions with the tide because the moving tide carries their food to them. So they always seem to orient themselves head-first into the current. It is amazing the number of fish that can cluster in an area no larger than the size of a good dining room table. I have taken as many as 60 good fish from a spot of such modest size, and this leaves me with the impression that the fish are fin to fin down there!

When the angler first begins to fish at a likely spot, it is wise to vary the length of the cast each time you rebait. Thus, you'll be putting the bait on a different part of the slope with each cast. Surprisingly, the flounders may queue up on a very thin patch of bottom and, since they usually are reluctant to move when they have food where they are, the difference of a few dozen feet may make the difference between success and failure.

Once the correct distance is determined, the surfman must deliver the rig to that point again and again; accuracy, therefore, is a very important casting skill here.

If the cast isn't directly on the money, retrieve immediately and recast. It is also important to keep a tight line at all times, since flounders are expert bait-stealers. It is wise to lift sharply when any change is noted in the feel of the bottom, and if a baited rig sits for more than five minuted in a hole of known quality, the chances are that the flounders have done their thing and the fisherman needs new baits. Of course, it's not unusual to take home a few surprises. Blackfish, bass, and weakfish will frequently "horn-in" on the action and spice things up as the season progresses.

Now, after all this chatter, I'm hungry. I think I'll go and cook up a few fillets.

RECIPE

Make sure that the fillets are clean and cold. Mix flour, salt, parsely, pepper, garlic, salt, paprika, oregano, and water to form a batter. Deep fillets in the batter so that they are covered with a thin, uniform coating.

Preheat peanut oil to 380 degrees. If you do not know the temperature, just make sure it's very HOT! Place the fillets one at a time in a deep frying basket or, if you don't have one, use a large strainer. Lower the strainer and cook the fillet for 2-4 minutes depending upon the size of the fish. Remove the fish when the coating is golden brown.

Rapid cooking in very hot oil prevents the absorption of oil and preserves a fresh, none-fishy taste. The fillets will be moist but not soggy.

Ingredients

½ cup of flour
¼ teaspoon of salt
1/8 teaspoon of pepper
1 teaspoon of crushed parsely
dash of garlic salt
dash of paprika
pinch of oregano
enough water to form batter - add the water a teaspoon at a time until the proper consistency is achieved.

How To Wind Line On Your Reel-- Fast and Coil-Free

by Paul Velasquez

If you're tired of winding new line on your reel only to find that it's all in coils causing resistance when you cast, why not try my method? I got the idea from watching some of the methods employed by various sport stores for mechanically winding line on reels. All you need is an electric drill, a nut and bolt, and a few washers.

For your spinning reel just remove your spool. Look around for a threaded bolt long enough to go through your spool and about two inches or more out the other end. This bolt will be put into your drill chuck. Use soft washers so you don't scratch the finish on your spool.

The bolt should be locked tight in your spool with a nut. A wing nut is better because you tighten it by hand and reduce the possibility of damage that a pliers can cause when brushing against the finish.

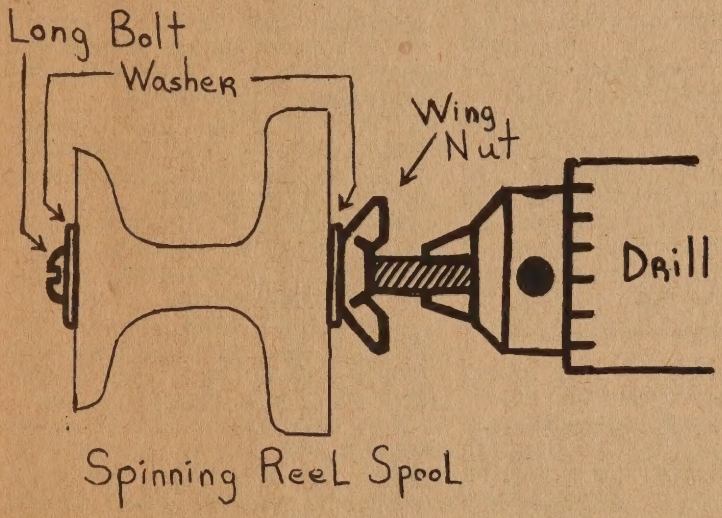
Although the whole procedure can be done by one person, I recommend you get assistance from another person when winding on the line. One person holds the fresh plastic spool of line with a pencil through the middle, while the other connects the line to the contraption you have made, which is in the drill.

Before starting check to see that the direction the drill will be winding on the line is the proper direction for your reel. If not, simply take it-out and reverse the bolt so that the opposite end of the spool is now facing the drill chuck. Use gloves to prevent friction burns.

While one person feeds the new line with slight pressure on the plastic spool, the other presses the drill trigger and with the other hand evenly guides the line on the spool. The drill should be laid on a work bench with the spool attachment just over the edge. As you see that you are coming near the end of the line, STOP IMMEDIATELY! and wind the rest by hand. Otherwise you might pull the plastic spool right out of your partner's hands, or something worse could happen.

For conventional type reels you have to remove the hand crank. Now look for a nut and bolt with the same size thread as the bolt which holds your handle. If you can find a headless bolt, all the better. If not, cut the head off a regular one. Use the uncut end of the bolt to thread into your reel and lock it in tight with a nut. Put the other end of the bolt into your drill chuck. Make sure the body of the reel is held down before starting the drill. You only want the spool to turn—nothing else.

Put your reel in the on position, and follow the same safety precautions and you're in business. Once you have everything set up, the threading process is very fast. Your reel will have a fresh spool of coil-free line. You may even find that your casting distance has increased.



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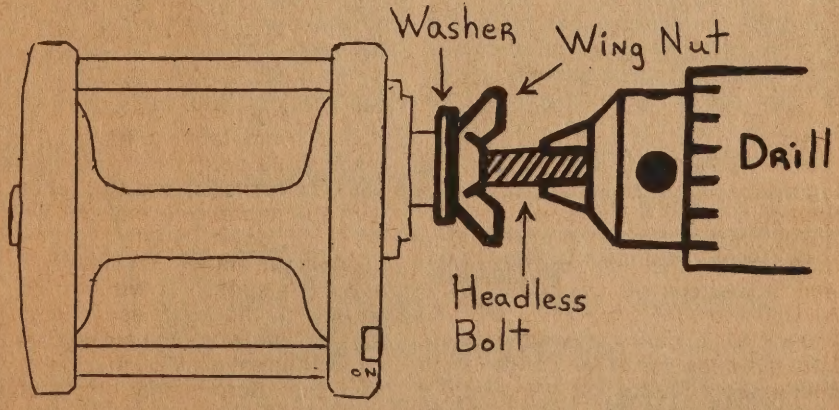

Conventional Reel

THE BOTTOM LINE

with Scott Simons

LOCATING FISH: *Part Two*
WHERE THE FISH ARE

In the vast animal kingdom, all species have one common denominator: Each species' range of habitation will extend only as far as its primary food source. If this food source moves with the change of seasons, so moves the species—migration.

And so it is with fish; and therein lies the means of locating them. FISH WILL ALWAYS BE FOUND CLOSE TO THEIR FOOD SOURCE; LOCATE THIS SOURCE AND YOU WILL LOCATE THE FISH. When a fish's food source leaves, or is depleted in an area, the predator will leave that particular area. Ask any north shore bunker-dunker what happened to the bass and blue fishing when the bunker took off to the north last summer.

Fishermen who concentrate on striped bass and bluefish have the advantage of often being able to locate their fish visually. Schools of bunker, baitfish, fish breaking water or swirling, and birds working the surface, can all be a tip-off to surface feeding fish.

The sinker bouncer seeking bottom feeding fish doesn't have this luxury, since porgies and flounder just aren't that cooperative! The only advantage the bottom fisherman has is that the fish don't have to move around foraging as much as the predators. He only has to concentrate on the one factor that will tip him off to fish: bottom formations.

Bottom formations are important because each type will harbor various food sources (crustaceans, bivalves, baitfish) which in turn attract the species of fish that uses each as a primary food source. To illustrate this, let's look at several species of fish, their primary food sources, and the type of bottom formation where they are usually found:

FLOUNDER—Primary food source: blood and sandworms, clams, mussels, small crustaceans. Prefer mud or sand bottom in shallow bay waters and the mouths of feeder streams.

FLUKE—Primary food source: small baitfish (killie, sand eel, spearing, mullet). Found where erratic currents render baitfish helpless and sand bottom where they can easily camouflage their presence.

PORGY—Primary food source: clams, mussels, small crustaceans. Found in rocky areas or open sand bottom harboring same.

BLACKFISH—Primary food source: crabs, mussels, barnacles, small crustaceans. Rocky areas, wrecks, pier and bridge pilings.

Locate any of these bottom formations and you have found a potential food source for each species, and, more than likely, the species itself.

One place that is almost always teaming with fish is a sunken fish wreck. And for two good reasons. A wreck will quickly acquire marine growths which are a food source for small crustaceans and baitfish, which in turn become a food source for larger fish. The wreck itself also provides shelter for small fish from the larger predators. To fish, a wreck is like a short-order restaurant on a highway. As they migrate, fish will stop at a wreck for a short time to "fill'er up" and then be on their way. During the fall migrations, it is quite common to find large fluke, porgies, seabass, bluefish, blackfish, cod and pollock on the same wreck simultaneously.

Unfortunately the number of wrecks within the range of small skiffs is very limited, and only a small number of boats can fish a given wreck at one time. If an angler happens to discover a virgin wreck, it quickly becomes a most closely guarded secret.

Rocky areas are often excellent fish-harboring bottom formations because they supply a food source of black mussels, filet mignon to blackfish and porgies. An added attraction for blackfish are the green crabs and fiddler crabs found around rocks. Blackfish in particular are a very difficult fish to locate because they will often pick out a nice rock that is "home" for them, rarely straying more than fifteen or twenty feet from it.

Fluke are a predator fish and are found wherever there is a sufficient amount of baitfish to sustain them. One of their favorite haunts are tidal rips, where baitfish rendered helpless in the turbulence are easy prey. (See the "Rips of Montauk," Volume 9, Number 22.) While rips can be located visually much of the time, during certain stages of the tide they disappear, and if there is a chop on the water the rips just blend in. When this occurs, the bottom formation which is the cause of the rip may be

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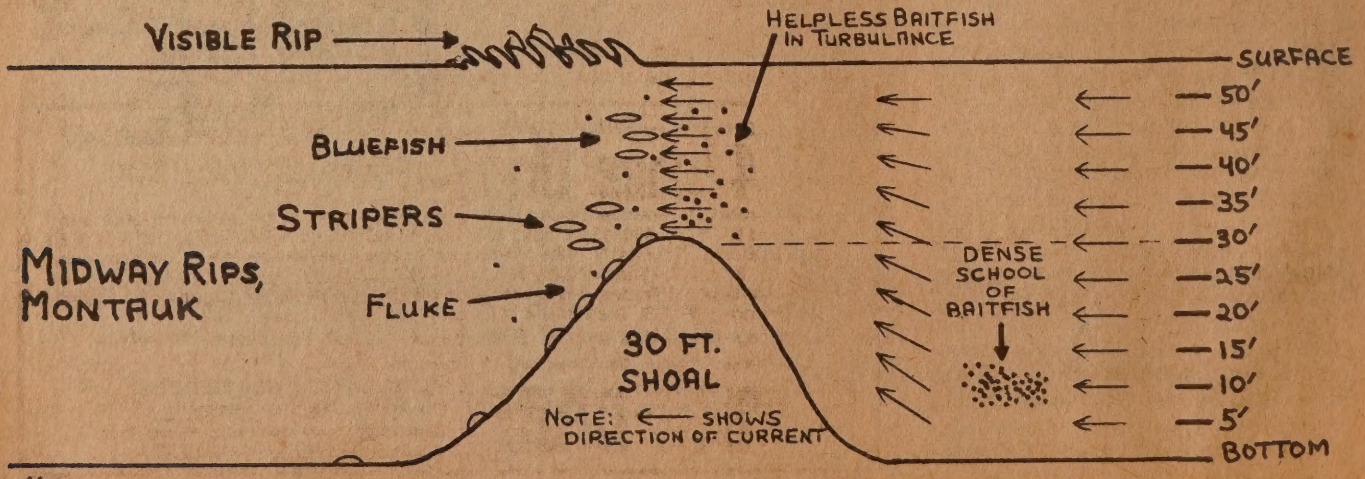

FRESHWATER FISHING
with Angelo Peluso

SELECTING A REEL
Part Two

Now, a look at the spinning reel. At first glance the novice might think that the placement of a spin reel on the rod is incorrect, since it gives the appearance of being upside down. As a matter of fact, I have seen a number of inexperienced anglers using a spin outfit as though it were a bait-casting rig, and reel it backwards. But the shape and placement of the reel aptly complements the rod.

The basic concept of the spin reel is to allow for a friction-free release of line from a fixed spool. The necessity to overcome spool inertia is eliminated. The fixed spool also eliminates the need to thumb the line during a cast, for there is no spool-spin to control.

The only "spooling" technique that a spinner should become familiar with is that of fingering the line as it comes off of the reel during a cast. This enables the caster to accurately slow down, and subsequently stop, a lure in its flight, causing it to land precisely on a desired spot.

The varieties of the true open-face spinning reels (I am excluding closed-face spin-cast reels) differ primarily in terms of their line pick-up capabilities. The three types are: 1) automatic pick-up, 2) bail pick-up and 3) manual pick-up. My recommendation for an all-purpose reel is one that is fitted with a bail pick-up mechanism. This type of reel is manufactured by just about every tackle company and offers the angler a wide variety of makes and models to choose from.

As a note of information, there is a recent trend within a group of bass spin fishermen to use reels having manual pick-up devices. The claim is that it allows for better line control, an important part of modern bass fishing techniques.

I consider the drag system of a spinning reel to be the most important component. The effectiveness of the drag can and will make the difference between fish that are lost or landed. New innovations in drag design, namely the use of teflon, have made for a very even release of line while the drag is in use. Owning reels with both metal and teflon brake components, I have found the latter to function more effectively.

This finding is a result of a few situations where fish were almost lost due to the "freezing" of a metal drag. When this happens, the line flow becomes erratic, adding additional tension to the line and increasing the possibility for breakage. I have yet to experience this condition with drags containing teflon brakes.

Today's spin fisherman is blessed with reels that are capable of handing very many fresh water situations. Another important innovation is the development of high gear ratios. The ratio refers to the number of bail rotations that take place for every turn of the reel handle.

The older reels were built with ratios of 3:1 or 4:1. Many of today's reels are offering ratios of 5:1. This relationship enales the angler to fish many of the deep-diving crank baits in a more effective manner. It also assists the fisherman in controlling large, fast fish; line can be gathered quickly should a fish run straight toward the fishermsn.

For the angler needing just one reel, the multi-use, high gear models are ideal. Even if you don't utilize this feature during every outing, it is nice to know that you have it, if and when you need it. Many of the newer reels also come equipped with over-sized handles that add a bit of additional leverage and allow for faster retrieves. The introduction of interchangeable spools has enabled the spin fisherman to broaden his scope of fishing by being able to adapt to ever changing conditions. I have several spools that are filled with monofilament ranging from 2 to 12 pound test, each one used in a different fishing situation.

The wise angler will purchase equipment that is "balanced". By this I mean a system where all the component parts—rod, reel, line and lure—function as one totally integrated unit. For example, the weight of the reel will complement the weight and height of the rod. It will be neither too light nor too heavy and will, in fact, create a balance point a bit ahead of the handle (when both rod and reel are assembled).

Also, the line should be of a strength that will allow the "power" capabilities of the rod to be fully utilized. The same holds true for the choice of lures. A lure that is too heavy or too light for the action of the rod will cause a loss of usable power.

Spin fishing has come a long way since the day of its inception. Modern technology has taken a relatively simple rod and reel design and transformed it into a totally new type of fishing system that is both practical and, on many occasions, necessary.

QUINCY BAY
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would be very disturbing to me.

One trip to Quincy will keep you supplied with fillets that will last through the summer, fall, and even into winter—when properly wrapped. These flounders are a little deeper brown than those found in Long Island's south shore bays. They resemble Block Island snowshoes.

If the idea of catching a whole bunch of giant-size flounders appeals to you, look into Quincy Bay. Just remember that you have to plan ahead of time because of its popularity.

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MONTAUK DARTER

by Jack "The Professor" Frech

Year after year, as a real "hoople," I haunted tackle shops. In two of them were men who were legends—Ted in Ridewood and Johnny in Montauk. These were two of the finest ex-surfmen Long Island has seen. They tried to brush me off. Why bother with another beginner? My ideas and theories about plug fishing were ridiculed, but always, underneath the banter, was a challenge to keep thinking about fishing, to stay true to plugs and—most of all—to experiment.

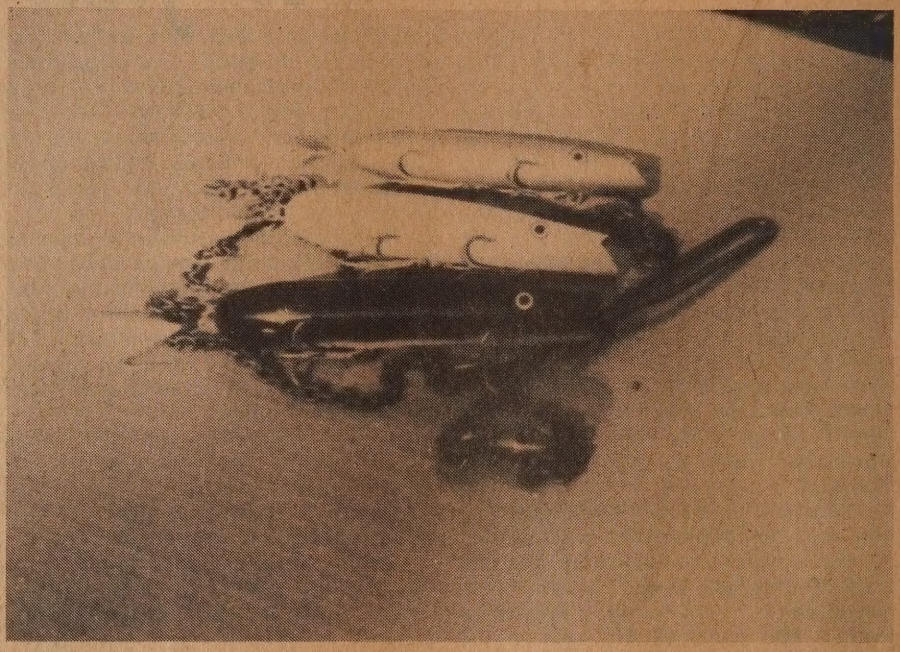
Without these two men, and without Frank Arendt, a fellow High Hill Striper Club member, the MONTAUK DARTER as fishermen know it today may never have been developed. Frank has a small place in its development but without him, in all probability, I would not have persevered. Darter after darter was turned out. He would make notes as we observed it under all conditions on the Point Lookout side of Jones Inlet. Always his comments, "...it stinks! ...can't you do better than that? ...use it for kindling!" After a few months he gave up on me. However, his challenge stayed on: "Can't you do better?"

In their search for a working darter old timers would go through countless of the red cardboard boxes searching for just the right plug. It had to have a certain balance, feel just a bit heavier and have the widest possible lip—the odd plug, almost a misfit from a Massachusetts company that made fine plugs.

After more than a year-full of wasteful hours building darters that worked but which did not catch fish, my energies were concentrated on the idea of a wider lip and diving plane. Unbelievably, after this, success came readily. Simple! To get a wider lip merely use a dowel with a larger diameter. To get maximum weight use hard, kiln-dried, straight-grained birch.

Alfred Constantine and Sons, Inc., 2050 Eastchester Road, Bronx, New York, gave me their professional advice when I wrote and explained my problem, my search for the heaviest accessible, easy-to-work wood. "No question but that birch is the wood to use. Maple (which had been my choice) is actually lighter than birch."

This company specializes in the finest, most select woods from all over the world. In this busy, big business world of today it is most rewarding to find that specialists have time for the little guy and his concerns, even though his problem may have little or nothing to do with company business.



Fortunately, my local lumber yard had some beautiful, straight-grained birch. True, it was not the one and one-quarter inch diameter I sought, but ut was a larger diameter than all known darter up to that time, one and one-eighth inches. If the larger size had been available at that time, there may never have been a MONTAUK DARTER.

The many earlier mistakes were studied; from these unsuccessful experiments a plan was ultimately devised. Three plugs were developed. One, as is my practice with any new plug, was locked away with the plans. The others were used as working experiments.

Early trials with these took place in calm north shore waters where they could be felt by either the right or the disturbance, where every movement could be felt by either the right of the left hand, where no other fisherman could intrude on the concentration required and, also, where no one else could get a hint of what would hopefully be a better plug.

After each trip, some simple change would be made in one of these plugs. If the change appeared to improve it, after appropriate trial and proper adjustment of the plans, the second would be similarly altered. This went on and on and on!

Possibly three months later the plug was ready for Montauk. The North Bar had company. A short walk to the False Bar and a long wade out put me in a position where no one could intrude before there would be some warning and an opportunity to change plugs.

Oh! the competitive fishing world we live in these days! It's a real problem to develop something a little bit different and to be able to keep it from those real "friends" who want the pleasures without the work. Only the loner who travels the trackless night surf has any chance.

Lady Luck showed me her best side that first night—five bluefish, each one on that new plug. Back at North Bar there wasn't even a total of five fish. Of course, I knew it wasn't the plug, just my dumb luck to hit a school of fish laying to the right of False Bar. But, on nights like this, confidence is built. From that night on, carrying only the new plugs and one "store-bought" darter, nothing

could go wrong. When caught in the open it was simple to switch to the "store bought" and act as usual: dumb!

Only three friends were let in on the secret. Each received one plug—after they had eaten their hearts out for some time. Fortunately for me, they used their plugs to catch fish and, as often happens, in time the plugs were lost. Tough luck! Anyone who isn't smart enough to put a new plug on paper before he uses it deserves to lose it.

That was a phenomenal year for me. In November, each "regular" at Montauk I cared for received one of the new plugs. The smarties had their supply of copies made by the time the next reason rolled around.

Plan to make a season's supply of the MONTAUK DARTER. Start with twenty-five. Surely no one will regret the time it will take to become proficient in the building of this plug.

To prepare for the details of construction, purchase five birch dowels thirty-six inches long by one and one-eighth inch in diameter. Use real care in selection. Settle only for the straightest grain birch. You will not be knocking out slapdash poppers. Instead, you will be building what may well be a precision instrument. Of course, the first models will leave something to be desired, but struggle on. The goal is often the difference between a full stringer and a lucky fish or two.

Use a mitre box and cut the dowels to exactly six and five-eighth inches long. Make sure the ends are perpendicular, at right angles to the length. Using a centering head, or any other tool designed to locate the centers of round rods, mark the centers at each end of the precut dowel pieces. Finding the exact centers is very important to the working of the finished plug.

Cast about thirty lead slugs, three-eighths inch in diameter by one-half inch long. Sure, a person can pour the molten lead directly into the weight hole, and some of the resultant darters will work as expected, but not all or even most of them will do so. There is too much work and too much at stake to take chances. My advice is to cast the weight slugs as precisely as is possible.

There is something critical in the construction of the MONTAUK DARTER. Wish I knew just what it is and could advise others. No such luck! I honestly do not know. Consequently, each operation really gets its own special attention.

Next week, complete plans and construction details.

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located with a depth flasher or recorder.

Rips are primarily the result of a rapid change in depth. For example, the Midway Rips at Montauk are created by shoals that suddenly rise from water 55 feet deep to within 25 feet of the surface in the space of about a hundred yards—a 30-foot mountain.

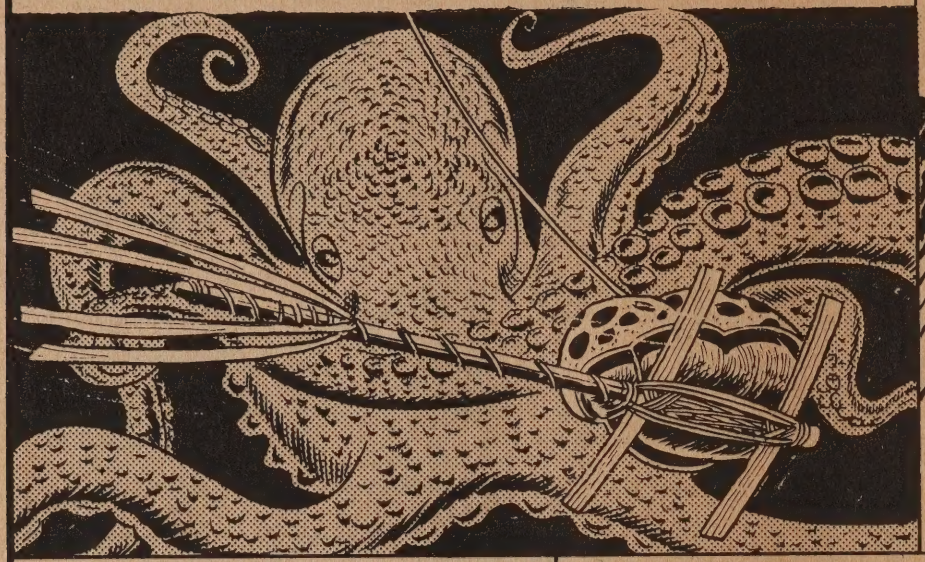
Think of the current as a mass of moving water 55 feet high. What happens when it reaches this mountain? It piles up on the side and top of this hump as 55 feet of water must suddenly pass through a space of 25 feet, creating a tremendous turbulence at the top of the shoal which renders baitfish helpless. Fluke, and very often striped bass, just wait on the down-current side of the shoal and gorge themselves. Bluefish travel up and down the length of the rip, having a feast.

Try changing your fish-locating techniques. Use fishing reports to get you into a productive area, then search out bottom formations that may attract fish, rather than just "playing-it-safe" and following the fleet all day. The pay-off will be in better catches!

HOW OTHER PEOPLE FISH

BY FRED GUARDINEER

TONGAN FISHERMEN OF THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC USE THEIR "*MAKA-FEKE*" LURE TO CATCH OCTOPUS. MADE OF LIMESTONE, COWRIE SHELL AND COCONUT FRONDS, IT REPRESENTS A RAT WHICH THEY BELIEVE OCTOPI HATE. HOWEVER IT RESEMBLES A CRAB, THE OCTOPUS' FAVORITE FOOD! HANGING ON TENACIOUSLY, THE OCTOPUS IS LIFTED FROM THE SEA.



CORMORANTS ARE USED BY THE JAPANESE TO CATCH AND RETRIEVE FISH AT THE RATE OF 150 AN HOUR. THEIR SEASON IS MAY 11-OCT. 15 ON THE NAGONO RIVER AND THIS ART DATES BACK TO 600 AD.

NATIVES OF ZANZIBAR USE TAIL TETHERED REMORAS TO LATCH ONTO SEA TURTLES WITH THEIR SUCTION DISKS. THIS METHOD IS ALSO USED BY THE ANGLERS OF NORTHERN AUSTRALIA AND THE CARIBBEAN SEA.

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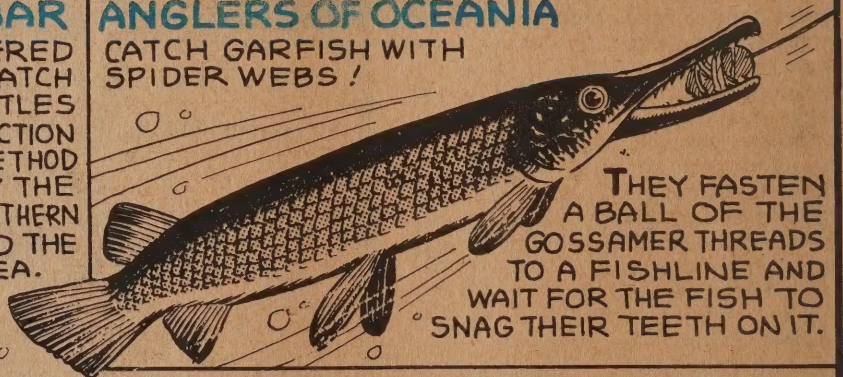
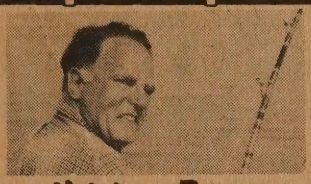


IN 1834, FISHERMAN JULIO BUELL DROPPED A SPOON INTO A VERMONT LAKE AND WATCHED IT SINK. IT REFLECTED LIGHT ON THE WAY DOWN AND A LARGE FISH STRUCK AT IT. JULIO THEN SOLDERED A HOOK TO THE BOWL OF ANOTHER SPOON AND THE FAMOUS TROLLING LURE WAS BORN!



Whiting Evans

The Casting Gourmet

MOSTLY MACKEREL

Some devotees of the sport known as "fishing", whether pursued in boats, in streams, along the ocean's beaches, or however, receive all of their satisfaction entirely from the challenge and joy of hooking and landing one of their finny adversaries. This type of angler doesn't care one whoop about eating his catch; he just wants to catch 'em. By far the greater majority of anglers want something more; they not only enjoy the anticipatory thrills of a fishing trip and the resulting reward of catching fish, they really love to eat them, as well.

It is for this group that the *Long Island Fisherman* has initiated this column. I, acting as your scribe, will endeavor to cater to the needs and wants of the inner man and present to you certain recipes garnered over the years of aid in the preparation of all kinds of fish in order to more thoroughly enjoy the gastronomic delights which a well-cooked fish can bring forth.

Along about the time this page will have been published, the Boston mackerel should and probably will be swimming offshore in their usual hordes. Rather than just set forth in private and party boats to load your bags with these macs and then transport them to your deep freezers for future use as bait and chum for blues, I suggest that you try one of the following recipes. You'll still have plenty for the deep freeze, and in addition you can enjoy one of the tastiest morsels the ocean has to offer.

BROILED SALT MACKEREL

When I was a kid, my father used to buy wooden tubs of salted mackerel. We'd have them broiled for breakfast—a wonderful way to start the day! But, there's certainly no need to buy them. They're there—all you have to do is catch them.

After cleaning (minus head and insides), split them down the middle and remove backbone. Place in a stone or plastic crock with alternate layers of Kosher salt. Then, whenever you want to broil some, remove from the brine the night before and soak in fresh water overnight. To cook, place them in a buttered pan and broil until the fish is golden brown. Serve with slices of lemon. Dee-lishous!

MACKEREL—MAINE STYLE

To feed about 4 to 6 people, take 2 fresh mackerel about 2 pounds each. After removing backbone, etc., place in a baking dish and cover with a sauce made by cooking in a sauce pan with ¾ cup of vinegar, the following: 1 large onion, chopped fine; 1 large carrot, chopped fine; ½ green pepper, also chopped fine; ½ teaspoon salt; 1 tblspn chopped parsley; ½ tsp. thyme; and 1 bay leaf. Cook for about 20 minutes and pour sauce minus the bay leaf over the mackerel. Then, bake 30 to 40 minutes at 400 degrees.

BROILED MACKEREL WITH MINT SAUCE

Here's one to perk up a jaded appetite! To serve 4 to 6 folks, use either one 3-pound fish or two 2-pounders. Wait until broiler is hot and then place the fish on the broiler racks which you have greased with butter; be sure the fish is also buttered on both sides. Place fish about 2 inches from the heat and broil first side for 5 minutes; then turn fish and broil another 3 minutes.

Now, melt some butter—about the size of 2 eggs—and mix in 1 teaspoon of finely-cut fresh mint leaves and a level tspn. of salt. Pour over the fish and—well, the rest you know! It is also suggested that you accompany the fish with fresh asparagus and parsleyed new potatoes. Then, for the ultimate, have a dessert of lemon souffle.

Many of you have followed me so far no doubt have favorite fish recipes of your own. Should you wish to share your culinary delights with others, and most of we enthusiasts do, be a good guy and send that recipe in to me at the LONG ISLAND FISHERMAN, and if I can taste the superlative quality of your artistry (and, believe it or not, I can do just that), I'll be most happy to credit you with being its creator.

MUSSEL BISQUE

Almost as an afterthought, I figured you might like to try this recipe for a delicious concoction which, I am frank to admit, I've never tried myself. It reads so delectable to me, however, that I am determined to prepare it at the first opportunity.

Buy or scrounge around and select 3 pounds of mussels—alive and in their shells. Clean them and place them in a pot with a half cup each of white wine and water, one average-sized onion and 2 stalks of celery (both of them finely-chopped), a pinch of thyme, a shred of bay leaf, 8 pepercorns and 2 cloves.

Place over a low flame and, when the steam has opened the shells, remove the meat and set it aside. Allow the broth to stand for a little while and then strain it through cheese cloth. Now, add 1 cup of a thick cream sauce and bring the mixture to a boil. Then add 1 cup of heavy scalded cream to the pot along with salt, several dashes of cayenne and nutmeg. Just before you entrance your guests, add the cooked mussels and 1 teaspoon of finely chopped parsley.

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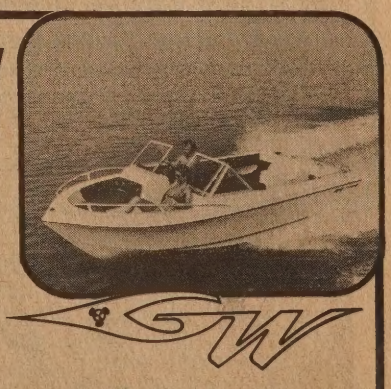

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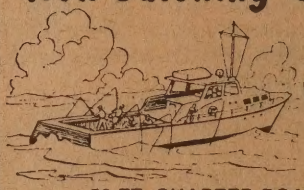

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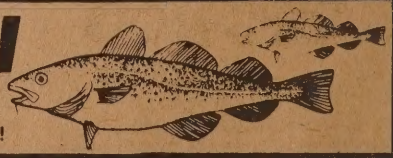

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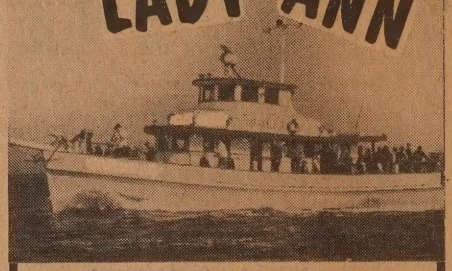

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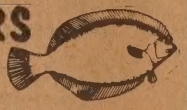

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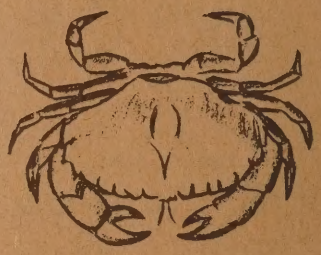

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SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

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Capt. Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Star** said that codfishing was very good at the Cartwright Grounds on Wednesday. Fish averaged 10 to 12 lbs. with several in the 30's. High winds kept the boat at the dock from Thursday to Saturday. Paul asked us to remind L.I.F. readers of the special 10-trip ticket in the Fisherman's Package where you can earn a free cod trip from the Viking Star.

Captain Richard Rade of the **Marlin III** had to go back to Tuesday for a fishing report, the last time he sailed. Fishing was very good off Block Island with 8 to 10 fish per man. Cod averaged 8 to 10 lbs. A few blackfish and pollack and two snowshoe flounder were mixed in.

Capt. Brad Glas of the **Helen II** said the spring run has its foot in the door. On Sunday they fished the rocks on the south side and then offshore to Shark's Ledge. Both places had good catches of cod, pollack and blacks. The big surprise was the one snowshoe flounder that was caught.

PROMISED LAND

Art Brand of the **Promised Land Fishing Station** managed to get 3 boats out on Wednesday before the winds came down upon us. One boat had 54 flounder 1 to 2 pounds and the other boats had about 2 dozen each. Fishing is concentrated on the east side of Napeague Harbor on any moving tide. Mussels for both bait and chum. A private got out Sunday and took 30 fish in the same area.

Nick Baraos of N.Y., N.Y. took this 47¾ lb. codfish aboard the Peconic Queen II last month. Nick also had 15 other fish.

MORICHES BAY

Seatuck Cove Fishing Station had two boats out on Wednesday that did very good with flounder. Fish are thick in the hole by Westhampton Bridge on any moving tide. Bloodworms with clam belly as chum produce. Seatuck Cove Fishing Station has a $5.00 discount coupon for 1 trip in the Fisherman's Package.

B&B Tackle reports flounder are plentiful all over and particularly by Westhampton buoys 42 and 43, Forge River and buoy 27. George Guybish and Bob McCluskey took 40 fish Sunday afternoon in a few hours. Mussels and worms for bait, chum heavily on incoming tide.

Bob at **Moriches Bait & Tackle** reports that weather kept boats at the dock, but casters from the Mastic area beaches using bloodworms took a few yellow tail flounders from the beach. And freshwater boys are getting a few trout on crawlers.

Stanley Eckna and Philip Kelly with 57 flounder they took in Moriches Bay on worms with mussel chum. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

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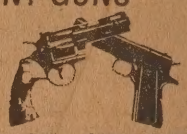

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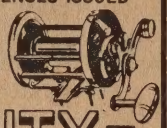

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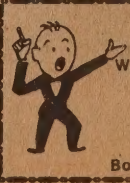

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Keenan's Fishing Station reports that on Wednesday, when the wind wasn't bad, they had all 32 boats out and all came back with good catches of flounder to 2½ lbs. Some boats had 200 fish. Best action was at Buoy 21, on bloodworms, with mussel chum and corn, on an outgoing tide.

WEST SAYVILLE

Young's Fishing Station reports though most flounder fishing was blown out, some were taken (between gusts) about 500' South of the marker buoys on red dyed clam on moving water. An improvement in the weather should get a lot of fish in the boats.

J&R Sporting Goods joins us in cursing the weatherman, but is able to report a few trout to 3½ lbs. out of Bubble Falls.

BAY SHORE

Apologies from the L.I.F.

We regret to inform our readers that we goofed in the Fisherman's Package for the rod and reel offer at Starfish Marine. The coupon was intended to apply to NEW Grady White and Mako Sportfishing models only purchased after 3/15/75. In order to qualify for this bonus gift, the coupon must be presented at the time of purchase. We regret any misunderstandings or inconveniences this error may have caused.

George at the **Starfish Marine Bait & Tackle Dept.** told us of unconfirmed reports of weakfish taken in the Inlet area. Flounder were excellent until the wind came up during mid-week. George also informed us that Starfish is working up a contest for the largest striped bass taken this spring in the area. Watch L.I.F. for further details.

Mark Luciani with the first cod he ever caught. It weighed in at 41 lbs. and took the pool on the Marlin III last month.

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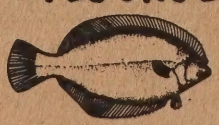

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V said that there was terrific flounder fishing on Tuesday, and high hook was 78. The rest of the week was winded out until Sunday. Fishing was good in the morning but as soon as the wind came back up fishing died. No weakfish taken yet.

The **Captain Scotty** had good fishing up to Wednesday when the winds came up. They sailed Sunday but the high winds of past days made the water very murky and fishing was poor.

BABYLON

Augie's Bait & Tackle reports the weather has effectively put the damper on most fishing, but some flounder have been taken at the dock and at the swimming pool on bloodworms.

Babylon Fishing Station had several boats out on Tuesday, one coming in with 50 fish and the other with 26 fish. But results were S/W of the Captree Bridge, with worms and mussel chum. Private boats did well in this area, in spite of the lousey weather.

LINDENHURST

Charlies Bait & Tackle advises that there are flounder off the Wellwood Ave. dock and the Town Beach and for those that braved the elements, in the State Channel. Some 3 to 4 lb. weaks have been picked in the inlet, on squid.

AMITYVILLE

Jonas Bait & Tackle reports flounder fishing was good on

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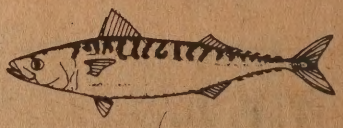

NEW JERSEY Fishing Report

SANDY HOOK

The weather since last Wednesday has just about wiped out the fishing all along the Jersey Coast. Fishing has been very slow and the fishermen are very scarce.

SHARK RIVER

Mac's Bait & Tackle reports "There ain't anything happening at all."

SEASIDE

Rick's Tackle Shop reports everything dead since last Wednesday. Up until then there were herring, flounder and perch in the Toms River. Betty and Nick's explains once the wind stops and the weather clears, the striper run should get into full swing.

Wednesday and Friday at the Amityville Cut and Squaw Island, days the wind didn't kill things entirely. Outgoing tide was best for big fish, on worms and mussel chum and dyed clam. Four Corners also produced for private boatmen. Also, a couple of weaks were taken casting under the Captree Bridge, bucktails and Viking Shrimpies.

SEAFORD

Dell's Fishing Station said John Como and Joe Delaney both of Brooklyn, fished west of the Wantagh bridge between X13 and X19. They had 30 keepers from ¾ to 1 lb. using mussel chum with worms and dyed clam.

Charlie at **Salice Boat Rentals** informs us that 2 of his boats on Sunday had 35 and 12 flounder apiece, working Four Corners and Squaw Island (best). Bloods and mussel chum on any moving water was the ticket.

MERRICK

Merrick's fishing C.P.A., the infamous **G. Korn**, casted into the teeth of the wind on Saturday, after his first flattie of the season. He gave up in disgust, only after the wind blew off his woolen pooplie-hat and his baggie of worms disappeared in the maw of a 60 m.p.h. gust. "I consider the trip successful," reports Korn, "as I neither hooked myself nor tripped in the sand."

N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

FREEPORT

The **Starstream II** finally got out on Sunday after being cooped up since Wednesday because of the storm. The small turnout of people did get a fair amount of blackfish up to 4 lbs. along with a smattering of cod to 10 lbs. Capt. Richie says he expects the mackerel around the 15 of April as

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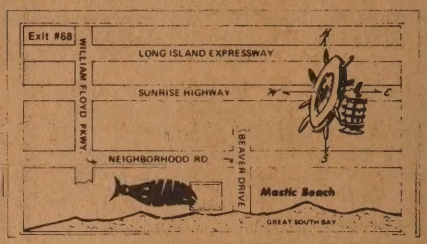

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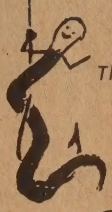

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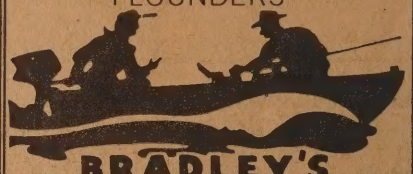

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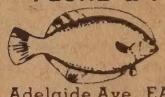

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some boats down at Cape May, N.J. are going after them. The Capt. Al sailed everyday for flounder and caught fish everyday. The beginning of the week was very good as shown by Fred Hornby, WINS News reported, and his father who had over 100 between them. The balalnce of the week was vert windy but the fish were still there to be caught. Catches were from two dozen and up if your stayed at the rail fishing.

Capt. Sy of the charterboat **Blue Fin** called to tell that on Saturday, in the windstorm, he took a 4 man charter, Reynolds Channel through Meadowbrook Bridge. With a change of tide to the incoming, over 50 fish were taken in Swift and Fundy Creeks. High hook and pool winner was Ted Gollanz of Franklin Square, with 18 fish to ¾ lb. Bloods were the bait. Corn chum very effective.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station said there was not too much action over the wekend. The wind never seemed to stop. Although some brave souls went out, the wind made it too cold and the catches were nil.

ISLAND PARK

The Commodore sailed Sunday and had a pretty good catch by buoy 9 on an outgoing tide. High hook was over 30 flounders caught by one man. Most of the others had 10 to 15 fish which took mostly worms and some mussels.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Hennings Fishing Station said that with waves 3 and 4 feet high right in front of the station, not many people wanted to take out boats, therefore there was no catches to report. Of course the die hard bank and pier fishermen who came in and bought bait had a few fish. Before the blow the flounder fishing was good at Duck Point and in the Woodmere Channel.

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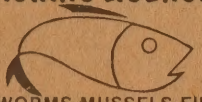

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SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt Fishing Station said there is fair fishing in Goose and Town Creeks. Dick Neu and Jim Escudero went out in their own boat and caught ¾ to 1 lb. flounder in Town Creek. Saturday they had 30 fish and 50 on Sunday.

PORT JEFFERSON

Caraftis Fishing Station said they were picking up 1½ to 2 lbs. flounders at buoy 11 on Tues and Wed. The incoming tide seems best and mussel chum is a must.

HUNTINGTON

Four Winds Tackle said the flounder were good at Duck Island early in the week. The big news was that stripers were taken all week long at Crab Meadow. The wind has pushed the bass on the beach so no long casts ae needed. The average 3½ lbs. with some going to 7 lbs. On Tuesday A.M. Hugh Chancey weighed in a 15 lb. bass. On Sunday he had 3 keeper bass and also a 2 lb. 3 oz. flounder that took a 6/0 bass hook (big bait - big fish?). The sandworms have brought in fish all week but Friday and Saturday saw the Hopkins and bucktails catch their share.

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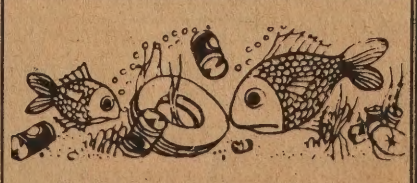
before the blow said Capt. Polermo of the **Mary.** Saturday he tried flounders again but the high winds made it tough fishing. On Sunday he went offshore for whiting and again wind conditions made it impossible to drift for the whiting.

Stella Maris reports that it has been so rough outside that not even the commercial beam trawlers have gotten out this past week much less the party boats. Whiting and flounder were caught the early part of the week but no mackerel or blacks as yet.

Capt. Fred of the **Amberjack** told me on Friday, that angler Joe Mason of Brooklyn an 80 yr. old regular on the boat, has an 8 lb. 5 oz. whiting this past Saturday. This has got to be some kind of record, but it is believed the giant whiting has been eaten by now. Leave it to Fred to find the big fish.



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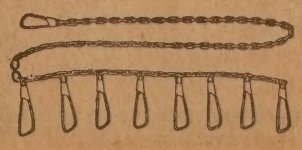

Tip of the Week

Now is the time to fill out a card such as the one below and leave it with the wife or someone who might have the occasion to call the Coast Guard or Marine Police when you don't report back from one of your fishing trips on time.

BOAT NAME:
LENGTH:
HULL COLOR:
CRUISING RANGE:
FREQUENCIES USUALLY MONITORED:
BOAT NUMBER:
TYPE OF HULL:
DECK COLOR:
TYPE OF RADIOS ABOARD:

Submitted by Capt. Bob Schavel, Amityville, New York

CONNECTICUT SCENE

WHITE PLAINS

Maletown says there have been some flounder activity in Mamaroneck Harbor. Some of the fish weighed 1¼ pounds. No reports of any bass.

GREENICH

Same story here, as the rest, at this end of the sound. Cold, nasty weather curtailed most of the sportfishing. Shore fishing for flounders at Todd's Point was the only bright spot.

BRIDGEPORT

Fred's Bait & Tackle says flounder are being taken at Seaside and Pleasure Beach. Catches up to 12 per man were reported.

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ON → / DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM
4/10 THURSDAY	7:53	8:07	9:26	9:39	11:49	11:49	11:43	11:36
4/11 FRIDAY	8:31	8:43	10:03	10:12	—	12:06	—	12:01
4/12 SATURDAY	9:07	9:16	10:37	10:47	12:06	12:26	12:13	12:38
4/13 SUNDAY	9:43	9:50	11:17	11:22	12:34	12:57	12:49	1:17
4/14 MONDAY	10:20	10:29	11:54	—	1:10	1:36	1:28	1:56
4/15 TUESDAY	11:03	11:11	12:03	12:40	1:50	2:19	2:08	2:40
4/16 WEDNESDAY	11:50	—	12:47	1:29	2:35	3:06	2:53	3:29
4/17 THURSDAY	12:02	12:46	1:37	2:26	3:26	3:57	3:44	4:23

SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Inlet & Dem. Pt.	−0 38
Coast Giard Sta.	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 00
Beach Ch. (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet —0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". — 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good territory, hunting good cover during these times if you wish to find the best sport that each has to offer. The tables are not a guarantee that you will catch fish or see game during the period, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration

	A.M. Minor	A.M. Major	P.M. Minor	P.M. Major
4/10	4:10	10:40	4:35	11:00
4/11	4:50	11:15	5:15	11:40
4/12	5:25	—	5:55	12:05
4/13	6:15	12:30	7:00	12:55
4/14	7:05	1:25	7:35	1:50
4/15	8:00	2:20	8:30	2:50
4/16	9:05	3:15	9:25	3:45
4/17	10:00	4:20	10:30	4:40

PHASES OF THE MOON

4-11	4-18	4-25	4-3
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

SUNRISE/SUNSET

4-6	5:38	6:28
4-12	5:29	6:34
4-18	5:20	6:40
4-24	5:11	6:46

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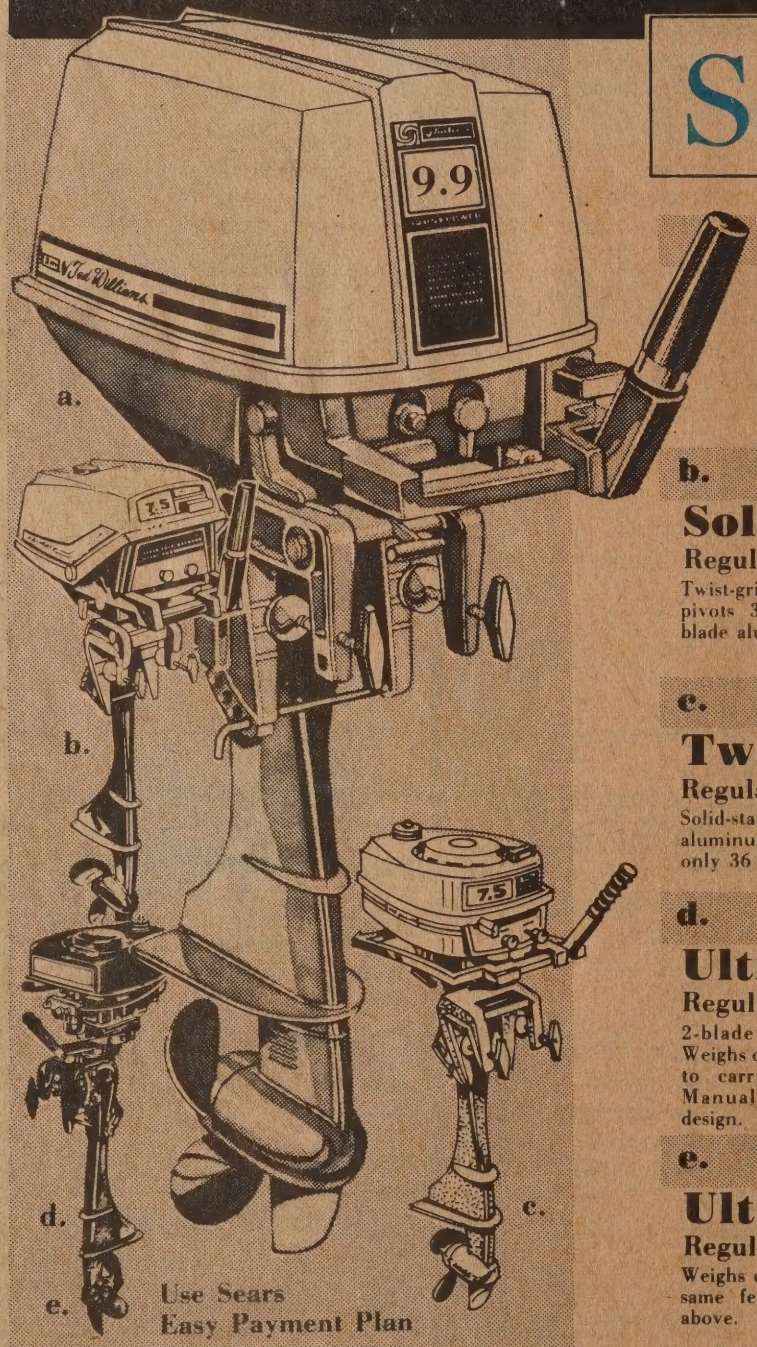

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